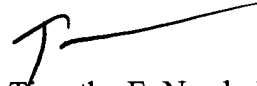


REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 9, 14 and 15 have been amended to correct minor typographical errors found upon reviewing the claims. Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested, as the claim amendments merely correct formal matters in the claims without changing the scope thereof. MPEP §714.16.

No fees are believed to be payable with this communication. Nevertheless, authorization is given to charge payment of any fees that may be due in connection with this communication to Deposit Account No. 50-1170.

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